

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment claims 1-16 will still be pending in the subject application.

Applicants attach hereto a paper copy of the Sequence Listing in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R §1.821, a computer diskette containing a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form and a Statement in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1,821(f).

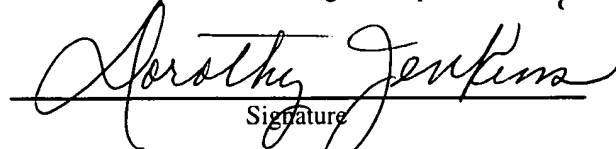
Applicants have amended the specification to add the attached Sequence Listing as pages 55A-55J into the subject application. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification contain no new matter, and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

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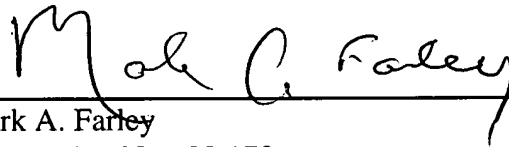
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